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ATTN: DIA SEE PARA 4 FOR IR FORMAT DATA

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PARM, SALT, UR, US  
SUBJECT: SOVIETS ON NEW US "BOMBER" AND ALCM

1. 25 DEC RED STAR INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL-MILITARY  
REVIEW CARRIES AN ATTACK ON NEW US WEAPONS PROGRAMS BY  
COL. A. LEONT'YEV. THIS LARGELY ROUTINE ATTACK CONDEMNS  
THE SIZE OF THE NEW US DEFENSE BUDGET, THE ALLEGED EFFORTS  
OF THE AMERICAN "HAWKS" TO INTERFERE WITH CONCLUSION OF A NEW  
SALT AGREEMENT, AND SOME NEW AMERICAN WEAPONS PROGRAMS.

2. THE ARTICLE SINGLES OUT US PLANS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF  
THE MX AND DOD INTEREST IN (QUOTE) "CREATION OF A NEW  
STRATEGIC BOMBER, WHICH WOULD BE ABLE TO CARRY FROM 20 TO  
50 CRUISE MISSILES" (END QUOTE). A FLEET OF THESE AIRCRAFT,  
"DESIGNED TO REPLACE THE B-52", HE CLAIMS, WOULD CLOST  
PERHAPS 20 BILLION DOLLARS.

3. COMMENT: IT WOULD APPEAR THAT IN LIGHT OF THE  
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CAPACITY CITED, THE NEW ALCM-CARRYING AIRCRAFT BEING  
REFERRED TO MIGHT BE A CONVERTED TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT  
(C-5 AND 747 HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED IN THE US PRESS IN  
THIS REGARD). IF THIS IS THE CASE, IT APPEARS NOTEWORTHY  
THAT THIS VETERAN SOVIET MILITARY COMMENTATOR CALLS  
IT A "NEW STRATEGIC BOMBER" ("BOMBARDIAOVSHCHIK"),  
GIVEN THE DISCUSSIONS IN SALT II OVER THE WHAT TYPES OF

AIRCRAFT SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO CARRY ALCM.

4. DIA INFO: 6 901 1251 77, USSR (UR), 1. 6 901 1251 77,  
3. SOVIETS ON NEW US BOMBER AND ALCM (U) 4. OMITTED  
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MOSCOW USSR (AIRA), 11. NO, 12. EDWARD L. WARNER, MAJ,  
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